

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Official Action is non-final.

The claim 7 recitation has been amended as required by the Official Action.

Claims 3, 6, and 10-18 were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Each of the allowable claims has been amended to be in independent form, by inclusion of the claims from which they previously depended. Allowance of each claims, and their dependent claims, is therefore solicited.

Claims 2 and 5 have been amended to depend from claims 3 and 6 respectively.

Claims 1-2, and 4-5 were rejected as anticipated by KONISHI 7,164,446. Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 7-9 were rejected as anticipated by OJIMA 7,167,202.

The rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, these rejections are moot and need not be further addressed.

The present amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the Official Action. In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge the fee of \$1,760 for the 8 extra independent claims added herewith to our credit card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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